

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A connector~~(20)~~, comprising:
a housing ~~(30)~~ into which at least one terminal fitting ~~(21)~~ can be mounted and connectable with a mating connector~~(70)~~;
a metallic shield mounted to at least partly cover surfaces of the housing,
at least one resilient locking piece ~~(46)~~ formed unitarily with at least a portion of the metallic shield, the resilient locking piece being resiliently deformable between a locking posture (FIG. 1) where the resilient locking piece (46) engages the mating connector (70) to lock the connector (20) and the mating connector (70) together and an unlocking posture (FIG. 9) where a locked state is canceled; and
~~another part (40; 50) mountable to at least partly cover surfaces of the housing (30); and~~
at least one movable member ~~(60)~~ formed from a resin material and being rotatably supported by the other part (40; 50) and adapted metallic shield, the movable member being disposed and configured to deform the resilient locking piece (46) from the locking posture to the unlocking posture as the movable member (60) is rotated.
2. (canceled).
3. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the movable member ~~(60)~~ has a rotatable shaft unitary with remaining portions of the movable member, the movable member deforms the resilient locking piece (46) by a leverage action using a the rotatable shaft (61) thereof as a fulcrum during rotation, the rotatable shaft being engaged in a bearing hole of the metallic shield at a location spaced from the resilient locking piece of the metallic shield.

4. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the housing ~~(30)~~ comprises at least one stopper ~~(39)~~ for preventing the resilient locking piece ~~(46)~~ from being excessively deformed beyond the unlocking posture by contacting the movable member ~~(60)~~ when the movable member ~~(60)~~ is operated to deform the resilient locking piece ~~(46)~~ into the unlocking posture.

5. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the housing ~~(30)~~ comprises at least one projection ~~(32)~~ having a cut-out ~~(32A)~~ into which the resilient locking piece ~~(46)~~ can escape when being positioned in the unlocking posture.

6. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the movable member ~~(60)~~ comprises at least one escaping portion ~~(64)~~ into which the resilient locking piece ~~(46)~~ escapes when being moved between the locking posture and the unlocking posture.

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (new) The connector of claim 3, wherein the housing has opposite front and rear ends, the resilient locking piece having a base end and being cantilevered forwardly from the base end to a front end, a locking claw being defined at the front end of the resilient locking piece, the movable member having a wall disposed between the fulcrum and the locking claw and being disposed on a side of the resilient locking piece for urging the resilient locking piece into the unlocking posture, the movable member further having an operable portion rearward of the fulcrum and rearward of the resilient

locking piece, whereby forces on the operable portion of the movable member pivot the movable member about the fulcrum and deflect the resilient locking piece into the unlocking posture.

12. (new) The connector of claim 11, wherein the at least one resilient locking piece comprises first and second resilient locking pieces disposed substantially symmetrically on opposite sides of the metallic shield, the at least one movable member comprising first and second movable members on opposite sides of the housing and oriented so that movement of the operable portions of the movable members towards one another deflects the locking claws of the resilient locking pieces away from one another and into the unlocking posture.

13. (new) The connector of claim 1, wherein the housing has a front end connectable with the mating connector and an opposite rear end, the resilient locking piece being cantilevered forwardly on the metallic shield from a base end to a front end, the front end of the resilient locking piece defining a locking claw with a rear face configured for engaging the mating connector and a front face slanted to generate deflection of the resilient locking piece relative to the housing and the movable member as the housing is connected with the mating connector.

14. (new) The connector of claim 13, wherein the at least one resilient locking piece comprises first and second resilient locking pieces disposed substantially symmetrically on opposite sides of the metallic shield and the at least one movable member comprises first and second movable members.